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## Lights and laughter



Photo: Sean Pollock

Residents gathered at Town Hall Square for the big annual Christmas lights switch on, which featured live music from the Pantomime Steel Orchestra

IT'S THE most wonderful time of the year and hundreds of residents turned

up to see Hackney Empire panto stars switch on this year's Christmas lights.

The cast of 'Dick Whittington and His Cat' were the guests of honour, gifted with the

official task of switching on the festive illuminations as delighted crowds watched

Town Hall Square light up for the holiday season.  
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# ALL EMPOWERING

THE COUNCIL will launch a new energy services company called Hackney Light and Power to reduce carbon emissions in the borough and help residents in fuel poverty.

The company – owned, run and managed by the Council – will deliver renewable or low-carbon energy to Council buildings and services, and later to local homes and businesses, and it will also focus on eliminating transport emissions.

The key aim of the company is to help reduce reliance on carbon-based energy in the borough. Carbon energy is partly responsible for global warming.

To do this, the company will prioritise a number of measures. These include: support installation of renewable energy sources, particularly solar panels; deliver the first borough-wide thermal efficiency housing programme in London; support the roll-out of electric vehicle charging points; supply the grid with green energy; reduce fuel poverty; and promote and contribute to the nationwide green agenda.

The Council has committed to doing 'everything within its

power' to create net zero emissions by 2040 – 10 years earlier than the target set by the Government.

Hackney has a history of municipal energy generation. In the 19th century, the local council created the Shoreditch Electric Light Network. Hackney Light and Power aims to build on that history.

Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm, said: "Our renewable and low-carbon energy company will focus on

turning Hackney into a major generator of electricity from rooftop solar power.

"Upcoming solar projects at London Fields Lido and the West Reservoir Leisure Centre will ensure these buildings become the first in the borough to use decentralised, clean energy as a significant source of their power.

"Both the name and logo of the new company encapsulate Hackney's historical role as a pioneering energy generator, and convey the spirit in which we intend to use the company to help tackle the climate emergency."

Hackney Light and Power will launch in spring 2020



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## Why we honour the Windrush Generation

THE 'Windrush Generation' refers to people who, between 1948 and 1971, were invited by successive governments to relocate to Britain from their homes in Commonwealth countries in the Caribbean to address labour shortages.

Despite being British citizens, many didn't have formal papers to prove this. The 'hostile environment' created by the Immigration Act 2014, led to some facing immigration checks and difficulty demonstrating their lawful status.



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## Permanent public artwork will provide lasting legacy Honouring Windrush

**T**HE three finalists for a commission to create a permanent public artwork in Hackney honouring the Windrush generation have been announced.

They are: Veronica Ryan; Thomas J Price; and a joint proposal from Hew Locke and Indra Khanna.

The proposals include figurative sculptures, large-scale Caribbean fruit sculptures made from bronze and marble, and paving plaques depicting SS Empire Windrush.

The artwork will symbolise the borough's ongoing commitment to welcoming people from all parts of the world, providing a safe refuge, celebrating diversity and respecting identity.

The project, in partnership with charity the Genesis Foundation and produced by arts organisation Create London, will serve as a cultural legacy to the Council's Windrush Engagement Programme.

The programme began in 2018 and saw more than 3,000 Windrush elders and their descendants collaborate on inter-generational activities in areas of arts, heritage, sport, health and education.

Mark Sealy, MBE, director of Hackney-based gallery Autograph, will chair a panel of councillors,



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## Community service

**C**RIME writer Martina Cole recently attended a Home Visit Library Conference in Hackney to celebrate 70 years of community library services at Stoke Newington Town Hall.

Cole, the most borrowed author at Hackney Libraries, was the guest at the conference organised by Hackney Libraries, library association CILIP, and Ulverscroft Books.

Chris Garnsworthy, Hackney's Community Library Service manager, said: "We were thrilled to welcome Martina Cole to the conference. Like so

many other community library services across the country, it makes a huge difference to the lives of so many people who are housebound and cannot access books normally.

"The service though is not just about loaning books, DVDs and/or CDs, it is a caring service for older people, disabled residents and carers. It helps reduce social isolation, so many users of the service say they look forward to seeing the staff, having a chat and read or listening to the items dropped off. It is a lifeline and the service gives people important information from other parts of the



The Community Library Service also celebrated its 70th birthday

Council that they might not otherwise receive."

The day was attended by library staff from across the country. Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy, and Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, opened the event.



Crime author Martina Cole

## News in brief

### More say on Woodberry homes

RESIDENTS will have a greater say in the design of new homes built through the regeneration of Woodberry Down Estate after proposed changes with its developer were approved. Updates to the Principal Development Agreement between Hackney Council, Berkeley Homes and Notting Hill Genesis, confirmed by the Council's cabinet last month, mean Woodberry Down Community Organisation will now help select architects and firms involved in building new homes. The group, whose elected members represent residents on the project, will be part of an expanded design committee that will look at all areas of new development. Since construction started in 2009, nearly 1,800 new homes have been completed at Woodberry Down, with nearly half for social rent and shared ownership. For more information on the regeneration, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/building-help](http://hackney.gov.uk/building-help)



### Breakfast toasts wage pledge

LOCAL businesses gathered at the annual London Living Wage Business Breakfast hosted by Hackney Council last month to celebrate the rise of the London Living Wage to £10.55 per hour. Now in its third year, the event is a chance to bring the business community together to raise the importance of paying their staff a living wage. Businesses at the event also committed to encourage non-living wage paying businesses to join them in paying a fair wage. The event ended with the Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, helping to raise the Living Wage flag to commemorate Living Wage Week.



## Diane Abbott and Meg Hillier re-elected to parliament

HACKNEY residents took to the polls to elect the borough's two members of parliament in the general

election on 12 December. Diane Abbott was re-elected in Hackney North and Stoke Newington with

70.3 per cent of the vote. In Hackney South and Shoreditch, Meg Hillier was re-elected, with 73.3 per

cent of the vote. Residents in Clissold ward also elected a new councillor, following

the resignation of Ned Hercock. Kofo David was elected with 56.3 per cent of the vote.

#### HACKNEY NORTH AND STOKE NEWINGTON

Candidate	Party	Votes
Diane Julie ABBOTT	Labour	39,972
Alex ARMITAGE	Green	4,989
Richard Christian INGS	Brexit	609
Lore Ruth EISENBERG	Independent	76
Ben MATHIS	Liberal Democrats	4,283
Benjamin OBESE-JECTY	Conservative	6,784
Haseeb UR-REHMAN	Renew	151

#### HACKNEY SOUTH AND SHOREDITCH

Candidate	Party	Votes
Mark Robert BECKETT	Conservative	5,899
Meg HILLIER	Labour & Co-operative	39,884
Jonty Joel LEFF	Workers Revolutionary	111
Robert Sidney LLOYD	Brexit	744
Dave RAVAL	Liberal Democrats	4,853
Tyrone Anthony SCOTT	Green	2,948

#### CLISSOLD WARD

Candidate	Party	Votes
Teresa Janine CLARK	Liberal Democrats	612
Kofo DAVID	Labour	3,784
Tabitha MORTON	Women's Equality	287
Marie Helene REMY	Green	1,597
Carmen Valerie WILLIAMS	Conservative	440

## Consultation on proposed school admission arrangements for the school year beginning in September 2021

UNDERTAKEN BY HACKNEY LEARNING TRUST

CONSULTATION PERIOD  
Monday 16 December 2019 to Friday 24 January 2020

PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSION  
Wednesday 8 January 2020, 5pm-6pm  
Hackney Learning Trust, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ

There are no changes proposed by Hackney Learning Trust to the admission arrangements for community schools.

The governing bodies of voluntary aided schools are required to consult on the admission arrangements they are proposing, if these include any changes from previous years or if there has been no consultation for the last seven years.

Similarly, the Academy Trusts (proprietors) of academies are required to consult if there are proposed changes to the academy admission arrangements or if there has been no consultation for the last seven years.

The consultation is open for response by the parents of all children between the ages of two and eighteen, religious authorities operating faith schools in Hackney, other individuals or groups in Hackney with an interest (for example, community groups), neighbouring local authorities and the governing bodies of all schools in Hackney save for independent schools.

The proposed admission arrangements for community schools in Hackney and for any voluntary aided schools/academies proposing changes within this timetable can be viewed and downloaded from [www.learningtrust.co.uk/admissionsconsultation](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk/admissionsconsultation).

Alternatively for a paper copy please email [admissions@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:admissions@learningtrust.co.uk) or call 0208 820 7000 (option 3). These documents, including a response form, will be available from 16 December 2019.

Any comments on the above documents should be sent no later than Friday 24 January 2020 to David Court, Hackney Learning Trust, 1 Reading Lane, London, E8 1GQ or to [David.Court@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:David.Court@learningtrust.co.uk)

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## You can RECYCLE all of these ITEMS from your Lounge

**Top tip:**

- **Cardboard packing** from your online orders can also be recycled



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## Mayor's column

### 2020 vision: what will the New Year bring for us all?

WHILE our TV screens have been full of election drama in the past few weeks, many people in Hackney have been more focused on getting ready for the festive season.

It's been a welcome distraction to take part in Christmas events happening all over the borough, many of which are featured in this edition, with more to come with the start of Hanukkah next week.

But while the next fortnight will be a time of celebration, many families in Hackney will also be fearful of what the result of the General Election means for them – not least the 15 per cent of our residents from other EU countries.

No matter what happens on 31 January, we will continue to champion the huge contribution EU citizens make to our borough and support them as much as we can. Residents and businesses can visit [hackney.gov.uk/brexit](http://hackney.gov.uk/brexit) for advice and information.

A new Government also means a new legislative agenda, which my team, as they have over the past three years, will be scrutinising carefully to stand up for Hackney. That's so important, because the effects of the past 10 years of austerity on those most in need in our borough are even clearer at this time of year.

No family should have to rely on food parcels at Christmas, but that is a reality for thousands in Hackney – including the children whose parents have been made homeless and will be spending their holidays in hostels and bed and breakfasts. With Hackney Foodbank reporting a 54 per cent rise in demand in the last year, I will continue to campaign for the huge changes in Government policy necessary to halt rising poverty across our borough.

In just the past few years, we've witnessed the five-week wait for payment for those moving on to Universal Credit, the Windrush scandal, and rising homelessness due to a lack of investment in housebuilding – all examples of why ministers must be held to account by those on the frontline.

But we'll also take action ourselves. We know that while many people are feeling the pinch, they're hearing claims of great economic growth and seeing changes on their high street. Many residents and businesses have told us that they aren't feeling the benefit of these changes – that new jobs aren't for them or that they feel like they're being forced out. We've heard this loud and clear, which is why it's our mission to make Hackney fairer. Last month, the Council's Cabinet approved a new Inclusive Economy Strategy, which sets out radical changes in our approach to growth and the public value it brings.

We'll continue to lead by example and do more to insource services rather than farming them out to the private sector; we'll deliver affordable workspace for small businesses being priced out; we'll do more to ensure public buildings are used for public good, and we'll champion high quality work and apprenticeship opportunities for local people. You'll see more of this in 2020, but Hackney Light and Power, our new energy services company featured on the front page, is one of the first examples of how an entrepreneurial public sector can return to its historic role as a force for good in the local economy.

In the meantime, I hope you and your family enjoy a peaceful and restful festive break and New Year.

**Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney**



## Award for hero officer

AN OFFICER from Hackney who tackled a man waving a gun at nurses in a hospital ward won the This Morning Emergency Services Award

at this year's 'Pride of Britain Awards'.

Sgt Stevie Bull, 28, pictured, was at London's University College Hospital last year when

she heard a call on her radio. Staff directed her towards a set of doors where she was confronted by a man pointing a handgun. Sgt Bull challenged

the man and attempted to tackle him to the floor. She was able to handcuff him and retrieve the gun, which was later found to be a starter pistol.

## More sleepless nights

COUNCIL staff and volunteers took to the streets for the annual rough sleeper count.

Every year, councils across the country record the number of rough sleepers in their area on the same night to help build a picture of the number of people sleeping on the streets and in communal areas of estates. It does not include people who are sofa surfing or staying in hostels.

The team of 59 started the count at midnight on 28 November. They counted 14 rough sleepers bedded down for the night. Last year they recorded 23.

Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs, said: "I'm pleased we recorded fewer rough sleepers during this year's count, but it's important to remember that this is just a

snapshot of those sleeping rough. It doesn't explain how or why and we remain clear that no one should find themselves in the position of having to sleep out on the streets.

"Our rough sleeping outreach team and colleagues across the Hackney Homelessness Partnership do an incredible job helping those sleeping on the streets, treating every person as an individual, and helping them to access long term support. During the colder winter months, the public too can help by supporting Hackney Winter Night Shelter and remembering the four Ts – Talk, Tap, Time, Tell."

### MORE INFO

For more information on support, visit [hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping](http://hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping)

### Help someone sleeping rough



#### TALK

A smile or 'hello' can make a big difference, to help people to feel less invisible and part of the community.



#### TAP

Help financially by donating £3 through Tap London's contactless donation points around the borough.



#### TIME

Find out about volunteering opportunities with local homelessness charities at [www.hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping)



#### TELL

Contact our outreach workers through the Streetlink app or direct people to the Greenhouse, for support and advice.



Find out more:

[hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping](http://hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping)



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The Council's new campaign aims to help homeless rough sleepers

# \*feature



**The Christmas switch on and Woodberry Down Winterfest events mean the festive season is now officially underway!**

# Let there be light



T'S beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially so after the annual lights switch on event at Town Hall Square on 1 December.

Over 400 residents braved the cold to see the cast of Hackney Empire's panto 'Dick Whittington and his Cat' officially start the festive season with the

help of Hackney's talented musical collectives.

Early visitors were treated to Christmas classics with a Caribbean twist from the Pantonio Steel Orchestra – Hackney's famous steel pan group founded in 1988.

The Coro de Clave choir get their name from group singing popular among black communities

of western Cuba between 1800 and 1920. They added their voices to the mix, alongside the New Wave Choir, featuring pupils from Grazebrook, Shacklewell and Woodberry Down Community primary schools.

Before the switch on, the Square was illuminated with a procession of 80

lanterns, which had been made by artist Emily Tracy, Year 5 pupils from Morningside School and older participants from St Joseph's Hospice. Emily spoke of the 'amazing job' the children did making lanterns with recycled materials. She said: "It's great to celebrate the darkness of winter with lights and lanterns — they bring people together and connect us to the season."

Panto stars, led by

Hackney's own Kat B, switched on the lights, illuminating the Square and Christmas tree.

Food and beverages were supplied by the Hackney Roots stall run by Marc Gosschalk in partnership with Peter Bedford Housing Association. Profits from the non-alcoholic mulled drinks





**“It’s great to celebrate the darkness of winter with lights and lanterns — they bring people together”**

and snacks sold during the event went towards helping the housing association.

The Yuletide spirit

was also in attendance at Woodberry Down, as residents celebrated this year’s ‘Winterfest’ at the

Redmond Community Centre. This is an annual event organised by Woodberry Down regeneration partners: Hackney Council, Berkeley Homes, Notting Hill Genesis, Manor House Development Trust and Woodberry Down Community Organisation.

Together these

partners are delivering one of Europe’s biggest regeneration projects, which will include more than 5,500 new homes once completed.

The celebrations began with

the customary mince pie and mulled wine, as the Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Kam Adams, switched on festive lights in the Rose Garden.

Guests then enjoyed carols performed by

pupils from Sir Thomas Abney Primary School and Fame Star Youth. As is the tradition, a free winter feast followed at the Redmond centre, with performances, activities and stalls for families and children, and a raffle to raise money for the Friends of Woodberry Down school charity.



# Christmas and New Year rubbish and recycling collections



## Monday 23 December–Sunday 29 December

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 23 December	Monday 23 December
Tuesday 24 December	Tuesday 24 December
Wednesday 25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Friday 27 December
Thursday 26 December <i>Boxing Day</i>	Saturday 28 December
Friday 27 December	Sunday 29 December

## Monday 30 December–Saturday 4 January

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 30 December	Monday 30 December
Tuesday 31 December	Tuesday 31 December
Wednesday 1 January <i>New Year's Day</i>	Thursday 2 January
Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January
Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January

To find out about changes to estate cleaning dates please contact [cleaner.estates@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:cleaner.estates@hackney.gov.uk)



## Christmas trees

Real Christmas trees can be collected for recycling; they are shredded and made into compost.



### Real tree collection

Trees will be collected from your home from **6–17 January on your rubbish and recycling day**. Put your tree out at the front boundary of your property by **7am**, with all decorations removed. If you live in a block or estate, leave it next to your communal bins (not inside them), making sure you do not block access to the bins.

Normal garden waste collections will be suspended for this period (**6–17 January**), with standard service resuming on **20 January**.

### Real tree drop-off

You can also take your tree to **Millfields Depot**, Millfields Road, E5 0AR from **2 to 31 January**, **8am–3pm, Mondays to Fridays, or 8am–12 noon on Saturdays**.

# feature

**T**HE borough's residents danced to jazz, enjoyed festive treats, and were given helpful tips about staying warm during the colder months at this year's annual Winter Warmer showcase.

The popular Council-run event, which took place at Stoke Newington Town Hall on 28 November, gave tenants and leaseholders aged over 55 the opportunity to meet their neighbours, and to find out about local services and activities.

This year, the 650 residents who attended on the day were treated to hand and body massages, manicures, free soup, sandwiches and cakes, as well as advice on eating healthily, combating loneliness and saving money.

Local community food kitchen, Made in Hackney, also provided guests with delicious vegan festive desserts, including stewed apple and spiced vegan custard, while attendees warmed themselves up with hot chocolate and a glass of mulled wine.

The event played host to a performance from jazz band Camino Sonoro, and sing-a-long workshops for residents, led by community group Friends of Woodberry Down.

During the event, guests were also able to speak to Council teams, including the Repairs Outreach Service, Resident Sustainment and Grounds Maintenance, and external organisations such as the London Fire Brigade, Tesco, and Specsavers.

They also received free plants and goodie bags from the Council.

## MORE INFO

 For more about activities for residents aged 55 and over, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/housing-get-involved](http://hackney.gov.uk/housing-get-involved)



Residents enjoyed the annual Winter Warmer, which included free food and drink, music performances and lots of advice for the over-55s

Photos: Gary Manine



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**“Having a good support network around you, in addition to the support you get from your social worker, is important and helpful when applying as a single foster carer.”**

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# Next generation

**'Britain's Got Talent' star Kojo joins Sir Jackie Stewart at the 57th annual Springfield Youth Club Presentations**

HACKNEY-BRED comedian Kojo Anim had the local community both crying and laughing at this year's Springfield Youth Club Presentations.

The annual awards have previously welcomed many big stars including Beatles George Harrison and racing drivers Lewis Hamilton and Damon Hill.

But this year's guest of honour was local boy and 'Britain's Got Talent' finalist Kojo Anim who talked about his own teenage years as a member of the youth club and how it provided him with limitless encouragement and

**“Show the world where you come from... No matter where I go, I think of Hackney”**

opportunities. The 39-year-old, who grew up in foster care, spoke emotionally to the crowd about the mentors he met at the club who kept him "on the straight and narrow", while also speaking frankly about his concerns for kids today. He said: "Unfortunately this generation, they're playing outside on the streets. But I had this place to come to."

Addressing the audience, he praised the parents for

allowing their kids to go to the club, adding: "You are saving their lives when they come here because they may not have any idea of what they could become."

"I hope and pray that there's a kid in here today, boy or girl, that is inspired by something that I've done so that you get invited to come here as well one day and keep passing on that message."

During a Q&A, he also

revealed that through the club he visited America for the first time and "got to see how big the world is and that you're bigger than whatever area you come from". He then added:

"I think the best way to represent your area is to actually show the world where you've come from, because no matter where I go, I always think of Hackney."

The evening was rounded off with the youngsters receiving their awards while racing legend Sir Jackie Stewart, the club's president since 1965, was presented with an award by Kojo for all his dedicated work.



From top: 1. Savannah, singing as part of Springfield Soul; 2. Singer Jean Marie; 3. Zion, Club Member of the Year; 4. Sir Jackie Stewart and Kojo Anim; 5. Club manager Steve Herbert; 6. Poppy and Sabrine; 7. Kojo Anim; 8. Paul Stewart with a cheque from the Bee Club's Tim Williams; 9. Willow, Imani, Ashani, Tasia and Jonell; 10. Joining in the Q&A; 11. Sir Jackie Stewart; 12. Tre and Javaughn; 13. Daniel and Christopher; 14. Audience members; 15. Marvin and Selom



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# what's on

## TOP FIVE

**There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:**

### 1. MEDITATION: HOW TO DO IT

Join the session for some simple tips and techniques to make meditation easy.

► See Courses

### 2. VICTORIA PARK 10K RUN

Shake off the post-festive stupor by joining in the annual January run across the tree-lined park.

► See Health

### 3. SKETCHIE

Lou Sanders and Jeff Innocent head the evening's stand-up list.

► See Theatre & Live Entertainment

### 4. OUR WINTER'S TALE

Dr Romany Reagan explores the origins of Christmas at the Geffrye Almshouse.

► See Christmas

### 5. RAVER TOTS NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY

Nicky Blackmarket at the helm of this bouncy all-ages rave fest.

► See NYE

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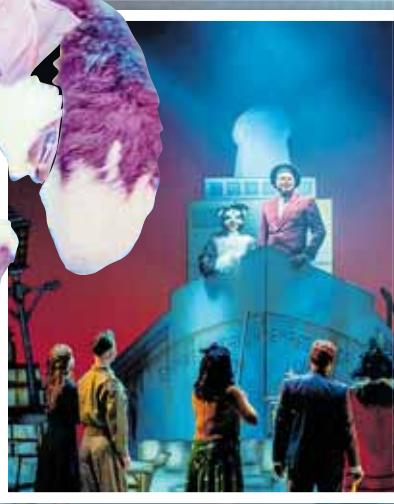
## HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

## YOUNG PEOPLE

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## THEATRE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

## NOTICEBOARD



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## REVIEW

### Dick Whittington and His Cat

Until 5 Jan, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, Hackney Central, E8 1EJ

IN JAMAICA, young Dick Whittington is boarding a boat; chasing the dream of a new life in the gold-paved streets of glorious London, writes Nancy Sheridan.

Little does he know, magic awaits him far across the ocean.

Hackney Empire's famous panto strikes again – oh yes, it does! – with the classic tale against the backdrop of the Windrush. Director Susie McKenna's take is inspired by the story of Sam Beaver King, a Windrush passenger and the first black Mayor of Southwark. Tarrin Callendar, fresh from the West End production of 'Hamilton', plays Dick Whittington and his spectacular rendition of 'The impossible Dream' is an uplifting start to the show.

► For more info, visit: [www.hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on/dick-whittington/](http://www.hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on/dick-whittington/)

He is accompanied by Uncle Vincent the Cat – Hackney's very own Kat B – who provides much slapstick humour, as does panto royalty Clive Rowe, as Dick's long-lost mother Sarah the Cook. For boos and nastiness, look no further than Queen Rat, played by Annette McLaughlin. Her efforts to hinder Dick's progress are a particular highlight of this dramatic and detailed production.

An amazing show, which is sure to be the highlight of anybody's festive calendar. So, what are you waiting for? Join the journey and prepare to be swept away by this tale of hopes and dreams. £10-£38. Suitable for all ages but children under 14 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

## also in what's on



NIGHTLIFE



HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT



A Party Like No Other (see 'Young People')



## ART & EXHIBITIONS

### SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Until 4 Jan, Tues-Sat  
10am-6pm

Small is Beautiful presents works by British and international artists from the Flowers Gallery stable, offering a rare opportunity to purchase smaller pieces by well-known names and discover new talents working across a range of media. Free entry. Flowers Gallery, 82 Kingsland Road, E2 8DP. Info: 020 7920 7777; info@flowersgallery.com; flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/view/small-is-beautiful-xxxvii

### BLOOMS IN THE CITY

Until 11 Jan, 9am-6.30pm  
Former Los Angeles-based fashion designer M.E. (pronounced 'Emmy') Ster-



### JOURNEY

Until 25 Jan, Tues-Sat  
10am-6pm

Tracing the life journey of Polish-Jewish artist Josef Herman (1911-2000). This exhibition brings together many key works from private collections that have not been seen in public since the 1950s. 'Journey' is part of Insiders / Outsiders, the nationwide arts festival celebrating refugees from Nazi Europe and their contribution to British culture. Free. All ages. Flowers Gallery, 82 Kingsland Road, E2 8DP. Info: 020 7920 7777; info@flowersgallery.com; flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/view/josef-herman

Molnar's work celebrates the beautiful imperfections of life. All ages. Homefinders, 146 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2NS. Info: 020 7033 0311; haydar@homefinders.net; meandblue.com/

### HACKNEY'S GOT STYLE

Until 11 Jan, various opening times

From 'Sunday best' to Saturday night threads and from locks to the Jheri curl, this exhibition shares and celebrates the history and impact of African and Caribbean style. Free. All ages. Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, Hackney Central, E8 1GQ. Info: 020 8356 2509; hackney.gov.uk/museum



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Comp closes  
on 18 Dec!

## Win tickets to see 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' at Hoxton Hall!

THE award-winning Skewbald Theatre bring Michael Morpurgo's tale of 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' magically to life. High up in the snowy mountains of Switzerland the villagers of Dorta bang drums, blow horns and make a noisy racket to keep the fearsome Mountain Dragon away.

But this year is different. One snowy morning Mimi discovers something extraordinary – a baby dragon sleeping in her woodshed! How did he get there and what if his mother comes looking for him? Mimi must be extremely brave if she is going to help the little dragon find his way home.

With lively original songs, atmospheric storytelling and magical puppets this is an exciting family show about

friendship, courage and adventure for anyone who loves snow, dragons and stories.

'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' runs from 20-24 December and is aimed at ages 4-8. For more info, visit: [www.skewbaldtheatre.com](http://www.skewbaldtheatre.com)

**Hackney Today is giving away one Family Ticket to see 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' at Hoxton Hall on December 20 at 11am. Send your entry to 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' comp, Hackney Today, Communications, Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA; or email: htnews@hackney.gov.uk by noon on 18 December. Submissions must include an address and contact number. Good luck!**

# Competition



### RIO CINEMA

Honey Boy (15); So Long, My Son (12A); Marriage Story (15); The Street (12A); One Man's Madness (15) plus Q+A session. Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. Info: 020 7241 9410; admin@riocinema.org.uk; [www.riocinema.org.uk](http://www.riocinema.org.uk)

### RICH MIX

Blue Story (15); Frozen 2 (U); Cats (TBC); Marriage Story (15); Knives Out (12A). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. Info: 020 7613 7498; [www.richmix.org.uk](http://www.richmix.org.uk)

### HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE

Aquarela (12A); Frozen 2 (U); Gorillaz: Reject False Icons (TBC); Honey Boy (15); Joker (15); Jumanji: The Next Level

(12A); Knives Out (12A); Monos (15); Pink Wall (15); The Kingmaker (15); The Last Black Man in San Francisco (15); The Muppet Christmas Carol (U); The Street (15); Culture Shock Christmas: Die Hard (15). The Peanut Butter Falcon (12A). NT Live: One Man, Two Guvnors (Encore 2019) (12A); Discover Christmas At Picturehouse: The Singing Ringing Tree (U); Toddler Time: The Gruffalo (U). Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare Street, E8 1HE. Info: 0871 902 5734; [enquiries@picturehouses.com](mailto:enquiries@picturehouses.com); [www.picturehouses.com/cinema/hackney\\_picturehouse](http://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/hackney_picturehouse)

### THE CASTLE CINEMA

Honey Boy (15); So Long, My Son (12A); Marriage Story (15); The Street (12A); The Nightingale (18); Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (12A). Little Women (TBC). The Castle Cinema, first floor, 64-66 Brooksby's Walk, Lower Clapton, E9 6DA. Info: [hello@thecastlecinema.com](mailto:hello@thecastlecinema.com); [www.thecastlecinema.com](http://www.thecastlecinema.com)



### COURSES

#### FAMILY COOKING

7 Jan-11 Feb, every Tues, 4pm-6pm

Make quick, affordable, tasty, healthy meals in this weekly class where children and parents can learn together. Booking essential due to limited spaces. Redmond Community Centre, Kayani Avenue, Woodberry Down, N4 2HF. Info: 020 8442 4266; [www.madeinhackney.org/whats-on](http://www.madeinhackney.org/whats-on)

#### MEDITATION: HOW TO DO IT

11 Jan, 11.30am-12.45pm

Join the session for some simple tips and techniques to make meditation easy. Free. Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ. Info: 020 7836 6688; [info@innerspace.org.uk](mailto:info@innerspace.org.uk); [www.innerspace.org.uk/event/meditation-how-to-do-it/](http://www.innerspace.org.uk/event/meditation-how-to-do-it/)

#### GOING VEGAN - WHAT TO EAT IN VEGANUARY

11 Jan, 12noon-4.30pm

Led by Michelin trained plant-based chef, Sarmado Sibley, this masterclass includes an introduction to a variety of vegan ingredients; creating creamy and cheesy flavours; sweet dishes; and hearty 'meaty' tastes. £118, £90 conc. Made In Hackney, Food For All Basement, 3 Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, N16 6PA. Info: 020 8442 4266; [info@madeinhackney.org](mailto:info@madeinhackney.org); [madeinhackney.org/whats-on/event/going-vegan-1](http://madeinhackney.org/whats-on/event/going-vegan-1)

### WILL WRITING SEMINAR

14 Jan, 12noon-2pm

Get some expert advice on issues such as wills, lasting power of attorney and inheritance tax. Delivered in partnership with solicitors. Free, book in advance. St. Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, E8 4SA. Info: 020 8525 6000; [info@stjh.org.uk](mailto:info@stjh.org.uk); [www.stjh.org.uk/event/Jan-free-will-writing-seminar](http://www.stjh.org.uk/event/Jan-free-will-writing-seminar)

### UN F\*\*\* YOUR LIFE

18 Jan, 12noon-6pm

Personal responsibility coach Nat Rich leads participants through a fast-paced six-hour workshop by helping people to face their most painful and awkward tasks in life. The day also includes tracking the hours spent and lost on social media. £60. Colours, 2-4 Hoxton Square, N1 6NU. Info: [anna@mothershipgroup.com](mailto:anna@mothershipgroup.com); [bit.ly/unifeworkshop](http://bit.ly/unifeworkshop)



### HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

#### MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Until 26 Mar, every Thurs, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Increase your knowledge, confidence and self-esteem in this weekly menopause support group. Disabled access. Free. The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, Stoke Newington, N16 7NX. Info: 020 3051 8626; [menopause@handsinc.co.uk](mailto:menopause@handsinc.co.uk)

#### FESTIVE WELLBEING

20 Dec, 12.30pm-1.30pm

In this practical workshop for Broadgate occupiers, discover how to encourage sleep

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hygiene, and to recognise good and bad habits. Free, register in advance. The Space, 3FA Finsbury Avenue Square, EC2M 2PA. Info: [bit.ly/festivewellbeing](http://bit.ly/festivewellbeing)

## VICTORIA PARK 10K

19 Jan, 9.30am-12noon

Reach your personal bests in the wide tree-lined pathways of Victoria Park. Finishers receive a souvenir medal and a goody bag. £19/ £17 for UK Athletic members/free for Gold Club members. Victoria Park, Grove Road, E3 5TB. Info: 020 7684 7185; info@theraceorganiser.com; [www.theraceorganiser.com](http://www.theraceorganiser.com)



### FEVER 105'S DISCO WONDERLAND

21 Dec, 11pm-6am

The annual festive-themed Disco Party Joey Negro plays in Oval Space (Room1), while in The Pickle Factory (Room 2), UK Disco Scene OG's Bill Brewster and Red Greg spin classics back-to-back to the early hours. £25/£20. Ages 18+. Oval Space and Pickle Factory, 29-32 The Oval, E2 9DT. Info: 020 7183 4422; [www.ovalspace.co.uk/events](http://www.ovalspace.co.uk/events)



## TOWN HALL TEA DANCE & BEGINNER'S DANCE CLASS

20 Jan, 12noon-1pm/

1pm-4pm

Relive those tea dance memories with entertainment led by the aptly named Mr Wonderful. The beginners' dance class starts at noon and is led by former world champion, Raymond Root. £2 beginners' class. £5 advance class. £6 on-the-door. All ages welcome. Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, EC1V 9LT. Info: 020 7739 6176; info@shoreditchtownhall.com; [shoreditchtownhall.com](http://shoreditchtownhall.com)



## NIGHTLIFE

### DEKMANTEL SOUNDSYSTEM

Until 27 Dec, 9.30pm-4am

To round off six years of the XOYO Residency series, the hotspot welcomes Dutch collective Dekmantel Soundsystem. Ages 19+. £25/ £20. There will be tickets available on the door on a first-come-first-served basis. XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4AP. Info: [info@xoyo.co.uk](mailto:info@xoyo.co.uk); [xoyo.co.uk/whats-on/dekmantel-week8/](http://xoyo.co.uk/whats-on/dekmantel-week8/)

### THE LOCKER ROOM PARTY

3 Jan, 10pm-4am

The Locker Room TV return to kickstart the first weekend of the year with what promises to be another sold-out event. A1 Bedders DJs on the night. Dresscode: dress to impress. Door closes at 1am. £10/ £15/ £20 otd. The Storm LDN, 36 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XJ. Info: 07752 347 886; [thelockerroomtv@gmail.com](mailto:thelockerroomtv@gmail.com); [bit.ly/locker-room-party](http://bit.ly/locker-room-party)

### SCARED TO DANCE: PULP SPECIAL

11 Jan, 10pm-2am

Scared To Dance, kick-off the year with their Pulp Special. Expect to hear the best tunes from the Sheffield Britpop band's back catalogue including 'His 'N' Hers', 'Different Class' and more. Disabled access. £6 entry. Ages 18+. The Victoria, 451 Queensbridge Road, E8 3AS. Info: 020 7684 0944; [ellie@jaguarshoes.com](mailto:ellie@jaguarshoes.com); [www.scaredtodance.co.uk/clubnight/](http://www.scaredtodance.co.uk/clubnight/)



## THEATRE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### HUNGER

Until 21 Dec, 8pm/ 3pm

A young man moves to the big

city with dreams of becoming a writer. But in the metropolis friends are scarce and jobs are scarcer. £15/ £20/ £22. Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, Dalston, E8 3DL. Info: 020 7503 1646; [boxoffice@arcolatheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@arcolatheatre.com); [www.arcolatheatre.com/whats-on/hunger/](http://www.arcolatheatre.com/whats-on/hunger/)

### SKETCHIE

17 Dec, 7pm-10pm

Another hilarious evening of stand up, including Simon Brodkin, Lou Sanders (pictured below), Jeff Innocent and Tom Ward. Expect drink, laughs, ridiculous comedy and good times. £10. Moth Club, Valette Street, Hackney Central, E9 6NU. Info: 020 8985 7963; [www.mothclub.co.uk/events](http://www.mothclub.co.uk/events)



Photo: Megan Gisborne

### AUDIOGIGGLE

18 Dec, 8pm-10pm

Get jolly with a night of comedy at the Stoke Newington staple bar. The huge line up includes sets from Phil Green, Vivienne Kay, Arnold Chuckwu Katie Price and many, many more. Free entry, register in advance. Ryan's N16, 181 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0UL. Info: 020 7275 7807; [ryansn16@gmail.com](mailto:ryansn16@gmail.com); [bit.ly/autogiggle](http://bit.ly/autogiggle)

### JAZZ, JERK & JUICE

19 Jan, 6pm-9pm

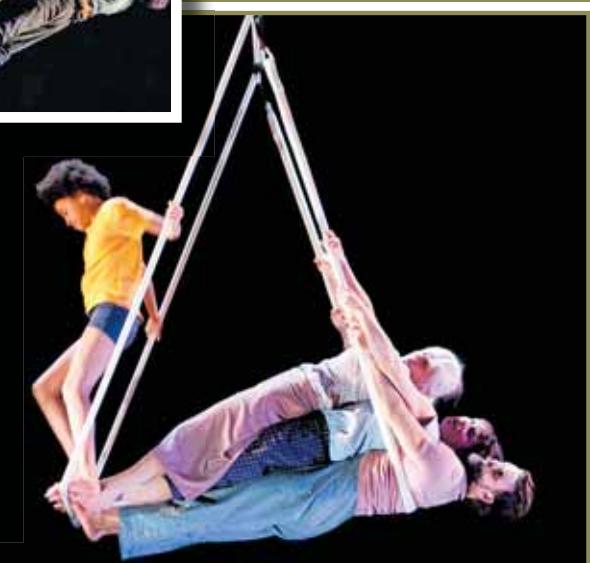
Enjoy jerk flavours, jazz-inspired performances and ital juices for that Caribbean punch. £4.90. Pembury Community Centre, 1 Atkins Square, Dalston Lane, E8 1FA. Info: [bit.ly/jerk-jazz-juice](http://bit.ly/jerk-jazz-juice)



## YOUNG PEOPLE

### BACH TO BABY CHRISTMAS FAMILY CONCERT

18 Dec, 10.30am-11.30am



## PREVIEW

## London International Mime Festival

8 Jan-2 Feb, Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, EC1V 9LT

IT'S hard to believe but this international contemporary visual theatre festival has been running for 44 years. Taking place across specially selected venues in the Capital each January, its programme spans the spectrum of contemporary visual performance including live art, physical and circus-theatre, masks, puppetry, movement and object theatre. Shoreditch Town Hall will launch proceedings with aerial performance group Ocham's Razor, who will be presenting 'This Time' from 8-19

January. It will also host 'The Language of the Actor Workshop' (13-17 Jan), which will be five sessions designed for professional and semi-professional performers.

Participants will be immersed in Theatre Re's vital approach to Étienne Decroux's 'Corporeal Mime'.

For more information and prices visit: 020 7739 6176; email: [info@shoreditchtownhall.com](mailto:info@shoreditchtownhall.com); or visit: [mimelondon.com/venues/shoreditch-town-hall/](http://mimelondon.com/venues/shoreditch-town-hall/)

Bach to Baby is the acclaimed classical concert series for babies, toddlers and their carers. £15. Each ticket allows up to two children to gain free entry. Suitable for all ages. St. John of Jerusalem, Lauriston



Road, Victoria Park, E9 7EY.

Info: [info@bachtobaby.com](mailto:info@bachtobaby.com); [www.bachtobaby.com/christmas-family-concert](http://www.bachtobaby.com/christmas-family-concert)

### LONDON PARKOUR PROJECT

6 Jan-14 Feb, every Wed, 5.30pm-6.30pm

Children will be able to learn all the core parkour moves as well as some acrobatic jumps. £36. Ages 8-13. Meeting Point: outside Sir Thomas Abney School Fairholt Road, N16 5ED. Info: [bit.ly/parkour-project](http://bit.ly/parkour-project)

### POPCITY

25 Jan, 11am

International dance competition which is open to anyone who is interested in watching or taking part in street dance. Winners will have the chance to represent the UK at the Popcity Finals in Asia, in December 2020. £10-£12.50. Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, EC1V 9LT. Info: 020 7739 6176; [marketing@shoreditchtownhall.com](mailto:marketing@shoreditchtownhall.com); <https://shoreditchtownhall.com/whats-on/popcity>

### FABRIC LONDON – A PARTY LIKE NO OTHER!

25 Jan, 2pm-4.30pm

Big Fish Little Fish Family Rave present the 'Ultimate Family Rave'. In room one, DJ Prime Cuts and 2 Bad Mice will be playing hip-hop and old skool, while room 2 is drum 'n' bass and jungle. Activities include face-painting (£6/£8) and free transfer tattoos for the children. Ages 0-8 and their families. £12 adult/ £8.50 child/ free for pre-walkers. Fabric, 77A

Charterhouse Street, EC1M 6HJ. Info: 07956 884 530; [info@bigfishlittlefishevents.com](mailto:info@bigfishlittlefishevents.com); [bit.ly/bigfish-littlefish](http://bit.ly/bigfish-littlefish)



## NOTICEBOARD

### HANUKKAH: LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH

22 Dec, 4pm-6pm

Come mark the Jewish festival of Hanukkah in the Town Hall Square and see the first lighting of the Menorah. Rabbi Gluck will provide the blessing with music from pianist Kate Shortt. All welcome. The Square, Mare St, London E8 1EA. <https://hackney.gov.uk>

### HACKNEY FLEA MARKET

4 Jan, 11am-6pm

Rummage through a selection of salvaged treasures from over 30 handpicked vintage traders. Free, register. 73A Stoke Newington Church Street,



## PREVIEW

### Secret Adventures: Adventure films, campfires and marshmallows

**31 Jan, The Hackney Round Chapel, 1D Glenham Road, E5 0LY**

WATCH six award-winning short films in the beautiful surroundings of the Round Chapel in Hackney.

Enjoy campfires and free marshmallows outside the chapel and enjoy the pop-up bar with mulled wine, beers and hot food, all available to buy. The short films to be screened are: 'Johanna Under Ice', where a Finnish freediver uses cold water treatment to save her leg from amputation then goes on to become the world champion freediver under ice; 'Weightless', a breathtaking paragliding adventure from the French Alps to the coast of South Africa, and from the

Azores islands to the beaches of Brazil; 'The Accord', the reality of growing up a surfer in Iceland; 'Headway', which stars slackline athlete Louis Boniface; 'Viacruxis', about legendary mountaineers Marcel and Andrezj; and 'Untethered', a jaw-dropping account of one man's attempt to slackline with no safety rope across a huge canyon in Canada breaking the world's longest unsupported slackline record. Disabled access. £20 plus booking fee. Ages 18+. For more information, email: [info@secretadventures.org](mailto:info@secretadventures.org) or visit: [www.secretadventures.org](http://www.secretadventures.org)

Stoke Newington, N16 0AS.  
Info: [hackneyfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:hackneyfleamarket@gmail.com); [www.hackneyfleamarket.com](http://www.hackneyfleamarket.com)

#### ANTI DIET RIOT FEST

**19 Jan, 9.30am-9.30pm**

A rebellion against diet culture. Over 20+ inspiring workshops and talks. £32/ £40. Ages 18+. Colours Hoxton, 2-4 Hoxton Square, N1 6NU. Info: [becky@antidiет riotclub.co.uk](mailto:becky@antidiет riotclub.co.uk); [www.facebook.com/antidiет riotclub/](http://www.facebook.com/antidiет riotclub/)



#### CHRISTMAS

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS SING-A-LONG - SHOREDITCH

**16-17 Dec, 5pm-1am**

Join in the sing-a-long backed by Baker Street Brass. There will be special Christmas cocktails. Old Street Records,

350-354 Old Street, London EC1V 9NQ. Info: 020 3006 5911; [bookings@recordsbars.com](mailto:bookings@recordsbars.com); [www.oldstreetrecords.com/whats-on/](http://www.oldstreetrecords.com/whats-on/)

#### CHRISTMAS TOURS AT SUTTON HOUSE

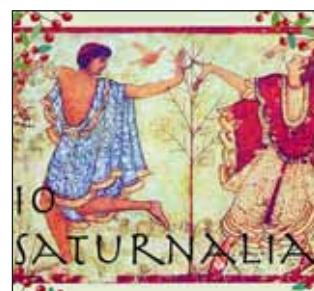
**18 Dec, 6-7.30pm**

Come and enjoy a family-friendly exploration of the history of Christmas. Booking essential. All ages. Sutton House, 2-4 Homerton High St, Homerton, Hackney E9 6JQ. Info: 020 8986 2264; [suttonhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:suttonhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk); <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house/whats-on>

#### OUR WINTER'S TALE

**18 Dec, 7-8pm**

Join Dr Romany Reagan in the Geffrye Almshouse for a lecture exploring the origins of Christmas. £15/£12 cons. Almshouse 14, 136 Kingsland Road, London E2 8EA. Info: 020 7739 9893; [info@museumofthehome.org](mailto:info@museumofthehome.org).



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#### FESTIVE TIMES AT GROW // DJS & XMAS GET TOGETHER

**19-20 Dec, 7pm-11pm**

Evenings featuring DJs playing world music, a festive sharing menu and seasonal drinks. Grow Hackney, 98c Wallis Road, Main Yard, E9 5LN. Info: 020 8510 1757; [hello@growhackney.co.uk](mailto:hello@growhackney.co.uk); [growhackney.co.uk](http://growhackney.co.uk)

#### BLACK ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET PRESENTS 'THE CHRISTMAS MARKET'

**21 Dec, 12noon-5pm**  
Perfect gifts for Christmas

and Caribbean food. Vendors interested in hosting a stall, get in touch. Brougham Road Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Road, E8 4PD. Info: [www.blackartsandcraftsmarket.co.uk/market.html](http://www.blackartsandcraftsmarket.co.uk/market.html)

#### NETIL MARKET CONSCIOUS CHRISTMAS MARKET

**21 Dec, 10am-6pm**

Eat Work Art presents a Christmas market built around sustainability across Netil Market and Hackney Downs Studios, with live music and entertainment by Netil Radio. Free. Netil Market, Westgate St, E8 3RL. Info: 020 3095 9718; [press@eatworkart.com](mailto:press@eatworkart.com); [eatworkart.com](http://eatworkart.com)

#### QUEER CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**21-22 Dec, 1pm-6pm**

Queer Fayre hosts two festive markets featuring stalls run by members of the LGBTQI+ community. £5, £3 on the door. Colours Hoxton, 2-4 Hoxton Square, N1 6NU. Info: [queerfayre@gmail.com](mailto:queerfayre@gmail.com); <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/queer-fayre-hoxton-arts-crafts-seller-tickets-73439239743>

#### FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

**25 Dec, noon-4pm**

Hosted by local charity Akorn, the meal is free, but register by calling the number below in advance, to help Akorn prepare the right amount of food. The Ark Suite, Cricketfield Road, E5 8NS. Info: 07554 613 105; [akorn.clapton@btconnect.com](mailto:akorn.clapton@btconnect.com); [magiclifeuk.com/no-one-eats-alone/](http://magiclifeuk.com/no-one-eats-alone/)

#### RINSE BOXING DAY 2019

**26 Dec, 8pm-3am**

Rinse FM return for their annual Boxing day party at XOYO. The line up will include: Redlight; Novelist and Jetsss. £10 -£22. XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street; Shoreditch EC2A 4AP. Info: [rinse.fm/xoyo2019/Rinse.fm/](http://rinse.fm/xoyo2019/Rinse.fm/); <https://www.residentadvisor.net/events/1349916>

#### WAVED ON BOXING DAY

**26 Dec, 3pm-1am**

Boldly claims to be 'the biggest and baddest Boxing Day rave' in London. The line up includes DJ Teej, Suukz, and DJ Tobz. £7 - £20. Cargo Shoreditch, 83 Rivington Street, EC2A 3AY. Info: [events@sbg-london.com](mailto:events@sbg-london.com); <http://bit.ly/WavedOn>



#### HACKNEY WICK'S BIGGEST NYE CELEBRATION!

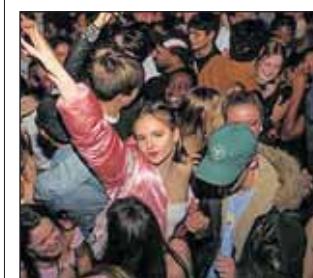
**30 Dec, 8pm-6am**

This NYE, this party will be bringing the heat, playing the best in afro, disco, house, techno, breaks and beyond across two venues. Number 90 - Bar & Restaurant, 90 Wallis Road, E9 5LN. Info: <http://bit.ly/wickcelebration>

#### RATED R NYE

**31 Dec, 8pm-3am**

Rated R touches down at The Book Club to bring in 2020 with your favourite RnB and rap anthems. 18+. £10 - £15. The Book Club, 100 Leonard Street, EC2A 4RH. Info: 020 7684 8618; [wearetbc.com](http://wearetbc.com)



#### DEAF RAVE PRESENTS NYE PARTY

**31 Dec, 8pm-3am**

Join the deaf community to party in style. Across three rooms top DJs will be spinning everything from soul, RnB

and hip-hop, to dubstep and dancehall. Everybody is welcome. £22 before 10pm. Colours Hoxton, 2-4 Hoxton Square, N1 6NU.

<http://bit.ly/deafraiveNYE>

#### NYE PARTY: INTIMATE FUTURISTIC LASER SHOWDOWN

**31 Dec, 4pm-4am**

This NYE bash promises to pull out all the stops with a roster of top DJs, free Dim Sum, lasers and fireworks. 18+. £25. GMT1 Westgate Street, E8 3R. Info: <http://bit.ly/futuristiclaser>

#### RAVER TOTS NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY!

**1 Jan, 3pm**

Raver Tots host a New Year party suitable for all ages 0+ with a set from DJ Nicky Blackmarket. Babies in buggies will require a child ticket. All kids under 12 require child tickets, children over 12 require adult tickets. £8. Colours Hoxton, 2-4 Hoxton Square, N1 6NU. Info: <https://www.ravertots.co.uk/>

#### NYC X NYE (NEW YEAR'S PARTY)

**31 Dec, 9pm-4am**

It's all about New York, with a soundtrack supplied by the likes of Blondie, Beastie Boys and many more. 18+. £5.50. The Shacklewell Arms, 71 Shacklewell Lane, E8 2EB. Info: 020 7249 0810; [info@shacklewellarms.com](mailto:info@shacklewellarms.com); <http://www.shacklewellarms.com/events>

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Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: [www.lovehackney.london/whats-on-in-hackney](http://www.lovehackney.london/whats-on-in-hackney)

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

## Competitions



We offered readers a chance to win tickets to see 'Dick Whittington and His Cat'.

The winners were Marelene Carrigan and Steve Rosenthal

By Joanna Kelly

**B**ASED in Hackney for more than 30 years, Moroccan-born artist Hervé Constant's works have been exhibited across the world.

His studio, near London Fields Overground station, is where he shuts himself away each day from early morning to late at night.

His art is an eclectic mix of subjects and his atelier is a very peaceful space that's instantly calming and welcoming.

With its self-contained serenity, it's easy to see how he spends all of his day here immersed in his thoughts week in week out.

Better still, Hervé only lives down the road, which makes his happily solitary existence away from the bustle of central London all the more enviable. He agrees that he is content as his own master in his "temple".

He says: "It's difficult to complain. I'm not rich, don't get me wrong. I sell some work and I keep going. But I live like a monk overall."

"I prefer to be free and do whatever interests me. I need to be free and feel I do things because I really want to, not because of sales or because of other people."

His inspiration, he says, has many sources: "I've been through many different phases. I've been influenced by everything from tarot to the Kabbalah to Arthur Rimbaud, one of my favourite poets."

"It's a lot of things, you know. Very often, the work comes also from travel."

"I recently did an exhibition in Fukuoka, Japan, where I visited a museum and found a moving sculpture so intriguing, so delicate and so beautiful that I filmed it and did a series of small paintings based on that."

Having recently completed a show in Skopje, Macedonia, his next exhibition is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the end

# 'I need to be free and feel I do things because I really want to'

Artist Hervé in his London Fields studio. Inset: 'Light by the window', his acrylic and pastel canvas bought by John Lewis



Photo: Valentina Giora

**“What I like about Hackney is the mixture of people and nationalities. They all bring their own thing”**

of this month and he will spend Christmas Day on a long-haul flight to kick off a tour that will reach 11 countries in 11 months.

His art appears too diverse to pin to just one genre, and his career route is just as interesting, having initially started out as a dancer. Talking about his childhood, he believes it was his tough upbringing that inspired his ambition for greater self-expression.

Born in Casablanca to a Moroccan mother and French father who separated when he was five years old, he spent 10 years in an orphanage in the south of France when the social services decided his father could not work full time while raising him and his brother.

At the age of 17 while working in a car part shop, his world opened up when a colleague who repaired brakes and also happened to work at the local conservatoire in Toulon,

a performing arts school, recommended that he take some classes.

He adds: "That was really lucky because from that, I started to read a lot and became interested in literature and poetry. And it was really the greatest opportunity for me. I am very grateful to that man for all the encouragement and possibilities he gave me."

## Curriculum Vitae: Hervé Constant

- 1951** Born in Casablanca, Morocco
- 1956** Moves to France with his older brother, Lucien
- 1967** Joins Conservatoire National de Musique de Toulon
- 1971** Attended L'École Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Techniques du Théâtre in Paris
- 1973** Inspired by a trip to London
- 1980** Studies print-making at Beaux-Arts de Toulon
- 1988** Settles in Hackney

people were willing to pay for his work. His first major commission was for the French navy in Toulon and he went on to win first prize in painting at the Biennale de Nice 1984.

After studying back in France for a few years, he married, had two daughters and finally settled in London in the mid 1980s. Back then, he says, renting a studio was roughly £40 a month and he worked part time selling TVs and radios in John Lewis, who even went on to buy one of his works for their collection.

Now he devotes himself full time to nurturing his creations and aside from the many global locations, his work can also be found nearby in Tad on Mare Street, one of his favourite local spots, who bought two of his paintings. Naturally, he's proud to call London his home.

He explains: "I'm very lucky to be beside London Fields. Of course,

it's changed a lot. But now the good thing is it is more secure for many people. Before it was a bit dangerous for them to cross the park. And it's also now trendy and younger.

"What I like about Hackney is the mixture of people and nationalities. They all bring their own thing."

"As a foreigner, what I also love about London is that I'm a part of the people but I feel different in a way, I'm separate. It's got a distance and I like that."

"I am a part of it but I'm also not, by my language, by my attitude and by my personality... I'm not totally part of it. If I stayed in France, then I would be like everyone else."

"But here, I feel a bit different and I like that."

## MORE INFO

 For more details, visit: [www.herve-constant.com](http://www.herve-constant.com)

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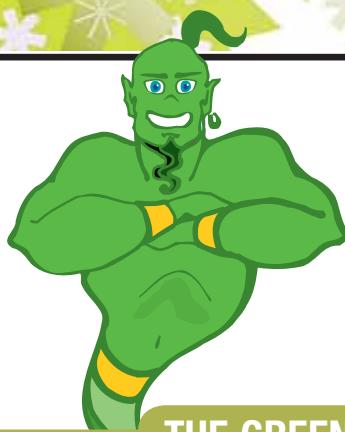
We even want things that can't be reused like worn out socks, tatty clothes and old bed sheets.

70% of items are sold to raise money for good causes. Everything else is shredded and turned into new items like cloths and blankets.

There are over 100 banks across Hackney.

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# greenmatters



**THE GREEN GENIE**

## All your green questions answered

**Q:** I love Christmas but I don't want to end up with mountains of rubbish from gift wrapping. What should I do?

**A:** I love Christmas too, but it can often produce lots of waste. Try to avoid Christmas wrapping paper if you can, but if you really want to wrap your presents, look out for recyclable paper or you can use brown paper and green or red string for a classic Christmas look. Alternatively, get gift bags that can be reused.

Don't put Christmas wrapping paper into household recycling because it's normally mixed with other materials such as sticky tape and decorations and these cannot be recycled. This makes it difficult to recycle wrapping into high quality paper. So reuse Christmas wrapping paper whenever possible or try a reusable gift bag or box instead. You may also get lots of gifts in cardboard boxes. If you've got communal recycling bins, make sure you flatten and break down the cardboard so everybody can fit their recycling in.

**Find out more at:**  
[hackney.gov.uk/recycling](http://hackney.gov.uk/recycling)



## Win a plastic-free toiletries set!

The Council is encouraging people to give more sustainable gifts this holiday season.

**Share a photo of your idea for an alternative gift that reduces packaging waste by tagging @greenerhackney on Facebook or Twitter and using #ZeroWasteHackney, and you could win one of nine plastic-free toiletries sets.**



The new reverse vending machine in Hoxton is the first of its kind in England

**T**HE Council is set to be the first local authority in England to install a reverse vending machine where people can get vouchers in exchange for recycling cans and bottles.

The machine, installed on an estate in Hoxton, will encourage residents to recycle cans and plastic bottles, billions of which are thrown away in the UK every year, needlessly being landfilled, incinerated, or littered in the broader environment.

The machine will be installed as part of a trial in partnership with the estate's tenants and residents' association,

**“ Reverse vending has the potential to divert significant amounts of waste away from landfill ”**

helping the Council to assess the potential for reverse vending as a way to increase recycling on estates, reducing the amount of black bag waste sent for incineration and the carbon footprint of Hackney's waste system.

The pilot will also seek to establish how any future Government proposals to introduce similar schemes might work in the borough.

Residents who deposit

their plastic bottles and cans in the machine will be able to claim money off at two nearby shops, supporting local businesses.

Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport, & Public Realm, said: "By ensuring that recyclable materials are given an economic value, reverse vending has the potential to divert significant amounts of waste away from landfill

and incineration, reduce virgin resource depletion, stimulate the circular economy, and materially benefit the public.

"While a small number of reverse vending trials have been undertaken by large supermarkets within their premises, we believe that estates and large apartment complexes have significant potential as reverse vending locations in an environment where people are increasingly conducting smaller food shopping trips and visiting supermarkets less frequently."

The machine will also accept shampoo bottles and food cans.

## Street sweepers running on veg oil ready to roll

**TWELVE** new state-of-the-art street sweepers have been delivered to the Council, the first of 57 new vehicles ordered to meet emissions rules set to come into force in October 2021.

The new Johnston CX202 street sweepers are capable of running on hydro-treated vegetable

oil, a renewable fuel that reduces emissions, helping them to meet requirements for Transport for London's Ultra Low Emission Zone.

Dust screens from the sweepers also capture particulate matter, further reducing their impact on local air quality, and the vehicles have multi-directional cameras and

cycle safety systems to help the driver share road space with other road users.

Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport, & Public Realm, said: "While our extensive use of bio-fuels and electric vehicles means we already have one of the greenest fleets in the country, these state-of-

the-art sweepers help us go further in tackling harmful emissions and meet Transport for London's targets for the Ultra Low Emission Zone."

### MORE INFO

Find out more at:  
[hackney.gov.uk/air-what-we-are-doing](http://hackney.gov.uk/air-what-we-are-doing)





# Give your old furniture ...a new life

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800 [www.hackney.gov.uk/furniture](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/furniture)  
020 8519 6264



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# education



**P**RIMARY school pupils heard about the Windrush generation first-hand when community elders visited St. John the Baptist school in Hoxton, N1, last month.

Uprising Community Club, an organisation that brings together members of the Windrush community, told the children stories of their journey to the UK, and how they felt when they arrived in Britain, from the Caribbean seeing snow for the first time and smoke billowing from the chimneys.

The stories were interspersed with dance and songs, such as the global hit 'Brown Girl in the Ring', which was popularised by Euro-Caribbean group Boney M in the 1970s.

The children also had the opportunity to question the Windrush elders about their stories during a Q&A session.

Earlier in November, Kingsmead Primary School in Homerton, E9, hosted members of the Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation.

The elders performed 'Mercy's letters' to the children. Centred around the character, Mercy, this performance retold the journey that the Windrush generation experienced, through letters sent back home to the Caribbean.

Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, is the Windrush lead.

She said: "It was wonderful seeing the children so enthusiastic and engaged, listening to the Windrush elders



Photos: Gary Manhine



**“It was wonderful seeing the children so enthusiastic and engaged, listening to the Windrush elders”**

young people are aware of their instrumental role in rebuilding our country after the Second World War. We hope that the children have learnt some important lessons about the Windrush generation and how they have helped to shape modern Britain's identity – from employment, business and trade, to food and culture.

## MORE INFO

 For more on Windrush support in the borough, visit: <https://hackney.gov.uk/windrush>

"We look forward to celebrating the Windrush generation's contributions to the UK and to Hackney for many years to come."



Windrush elders visited schools in the borough to tell stories and songs of their experiences of living and working in Britain

## News in brief

### Apprenticeship wins for Council

2019 HAS been a successful year for the Council's Apprenticeship programme. The team scooped up not one but two prizes at the regional heat of the National Apprenticeship Awards 2019 and was named a 'Highly Commended Winner' for Recruitment Excellence at the prestigious national finals. Cllr Williams said: "Winning these

awards is a testament to our determination to provide a nurturing and successful apprenticeship programme, and I am delighted we have won as it continues to give the scheme the national recognition it deserves."



### Barn Street on the right track

HACKNEY celebrated its eighth 'School Street' last month at Barn Street, outside St Mary's Church of England Primary School. Motor traffic will be banned at the Stoke Newington school's opening and closing times, which will make it easier and safer for children to walk to school. The Council also announced a further nine schools it would consult on introducing School Streets in the next year. Subject to the results of the consultations, this would see the Council reach its target of introducing 17 School Streets in 2021 – a year earlier than planned. For more information, visit: [hackney.gov.uk/school-streets](http://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets)



From left: Cllr Sade Etti, Cllr Sophie Cameron, headteacher at St Mary's Jane O'Brien and Cllr Jon Burke at Barn Street

### Adult learners earn high praise



STUDENTS who completed maths, English, ICT and ESOL courses in the borough, were celebrated at an awards ceremony at Hackney Empire 2. The event toasted the achievements of over 200 adult learners who completed courses funded by Hackney Learning Trust. Cllr

Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, (pictured above, left) attended the ceremony alongside The Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Kam Adams, and presented the certificates. She said: "I am incredibly honoured and privileged to share in your celebrations. It is days like this that make it an absolute pleasure to be a councillor." Advice sessions take place regularly across Hackney. For more information, email: [AdultEducationAdvice@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:AdultEducationAdvice@learningtrust.co.uk), visit: [www.learningtrust.co.uk/section/adult-learning](http://www.learningtrust.co.uk/section/adult-learning); or call: 020 8820 7075.

# You can now RECYCLE all of these plastic items from your KITCHEN



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## Rewarding kindness

The nominees with their certificates at the awards ceremony organised by Hackney Council to recognise their work caring for vulnerable people

CARE workers across the borough who provide help for vulnerable people across the borough, were celebrated at a ceremony at Hackney Town Hall last month.

Hundreds of workers were nominated for the third annual Hackney Care Worker of the Year awards by their employers and the people they care for. They play a vital role in allowing people who need support to remain in their own homes for as long as possible, helping them to keep their independence.

Care workers also play

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a vital role in combating loneliness and isolation for many older people, as they can often be the only person to come in to contact with a resident every day or every week.

There were two categories for this year's awards including 'Care in the Community' and 'Care in the Home'.

Seventeen care workers were shortlisted for both

categories and two overall winners were given a trophy and certificate to celebrate their work.

Cruesa Lisandra Moutinho De-Casto, 38, who won the Care in the Home category, said: "I was very surprised, but award ceremonies like this are important as care workers are not recognised like they should be."

Hirute Gebreselase,

37, won the Care in the Community category. She was nominated by Patricia Redman, who has been receiving care from Hirute for 14 years. She said: "I love Patricia, she reminds me of my mother who I lost at a young age.

"All of the residents I care for remind me of my parents. I cannot express how grateful I am to the service users and the Council for organising this. I love my job and my children will be happy to see this, as a reward for all of my hard work."

Nominations for next year's awards will open next summer.

## City and Hackney Primary Care Mental Health Alliance wins HSJ Award



CITY and Hackney Primary Care Mental Health Alliance won the HSJ Mental Health Innovation of the Year Award for its work in improving health for residents with severe mental illness.

At last month's awards, hosted by actor James Nesbitt, the alliance also received highly commended

certificates for Primary Care Innovation of the Year and Community or Primary Care Service Redesign, London and the South. The alliance is chaired by the City and Hackney GP Confederation and includes all 41 local GP practices, East London Foundation Trust, the Clinical Effectiveness

Group Centre for Primary Care and Public Health, which provides healthcare analytics and data, and NHS City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group.

City and Hackney has the fifth-highest prevalence of severe mental illness (SMI) in England and those with SMI are at risk of far poorer health outcomes including

long-term conditions and reduced life expectancy.

Dr Rhiannon England, City and Hackney CCG Mental Health Clinical Lead, said: "We have worked hard to improve the healthcare of the most vulnerable service users because this is the true measure of inequality reduction."

## News in brief

### Stem-cell donor's live tweets earn spot on awards shortlist



LIVE-tweeting his experience of being a stem-cell donor helped a Hackney photographer grab a shortlist nomination at an awards ceremony last month. Sonny Malhotra, pictured, was shortlisted for the Donor Champion of the Year Award at

the Anthony Nolan Supporter Awards after sharing his experience of being a stem-cell donor. While donating his stem cells for a patient in 2018, Sonny live-tweeted his experiences while encouraging others to join the register. Sonny used the opportunity to inspire others to do the same. The Anthony Nolan Supporter Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of volunteers, fundraisers, and campaigners who help the charity save lives.

### Pioneering early screening detected patient's lung cancer

A RESIDENT in the borough has become one of the first SUMMIT Study participants to benefit from early lung cancer screening. Last August, 77-year-old Bridget Barker had successful robotic surgery at St Bartholomew's Hospital to treat lung cancer.

The cancer was discovered during a lung health check she had at Mile End Hospital following an invitation from her GP, which was sent to her as part of the SUMMIT Study.

The study, run by University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH) and UCL (University College London), is recruiting 25,000 people, aged 50-77, in North and East London who are at higher risk of lung cancer to take part in early screening.

If a patient is eligible, they will also be invited to have a scan and provide a blood sample which will support the development of a blood test to detect multiple types of deadly cancers, including in the lungs.

# Cheaper, greener, better nappies!



**Thousands of parents are making the switch to real nappies.**

Real cotton nappies are easy to use, soft on the skin and don't contain absorbent gels. They are cheaper than disposable ones, and could save you around £500 per baby.

**Free £54 nappy voucher** for Hackney residents.  
Apply online or come to one of our events.



**Meet local parents, chat about real nappies and claim your £54 voucher:**

Hackney Central Library  
E8 1GQ

- Real nappy demos
- Advice and information about real nappies
- Pop-up nappy shop

**Second Friday of the month**  
(term time only)  
**10.30am – 12noon**

To claim your £54 voucher you must bring proof of ID, address and pregnancy or birth (within 18 months of birth)

The Round Chapel Old School Rooms, E5 0PU

- “Give and take” tables for real nappies, baby clothes and maternity wear. You don't need to bring anything to take something away.
- Real nappy demos

**Every two / three months.**  
Check website for dates.

[www.hackney.gov.uk/nappies](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/nappies)  
020 7324 4709

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**Sign up to the Young Hackney e-newsletter:  
hackney.gov.uk/newsletters**

**younghackney**

**A**CTORS, sportsmen and engineers were among the inspirational Hackney residents who met young men for a careers workshop at Young Hackney's Forest Road Youth Hub.

Over 60 young people attended the fourth annual 'Inspiring Young Men' event, including students from local secondary schools City Academy Hackney, Stoke Newington Secondary School, Hackney New School and City of London Academy Shoreditch Park.

The day saw 30 professional men and entrepreneurs from the borough, all from different backgrounds, sharing their stories and offering careers advice to motivate and encourage young men.

The event began with a panel chaired by Hackney Council graduate trainee Solomon Rose, alongside guest speakers including Dulwich Hamlet FC professional player Nathan Smith, project manager from Global IT Solutions company Leidos, Declan Bissick and director of advertising company Creatures, Stu Outhwaite-Noel.

Speakers and groups also discussed topics such as the importance of perseverance, first impressions, eye contact and seeking positive support.

Solomon said: "Events like these remind us that there are no straight lines



# Inspiring our young men

**"I have been inspired by the courage displayed today, the young men have been willing to ask difficult questions"**

when we are pursuing our goals, and I think it's really important for young people to know that.

"I have been inspired by the courage displayed today, the young men have been so open and willing to ask difficult questions and take valuable advice on board."

## MORE INFO

To find out more about volunteering with young people, email: [xanthippi.karkantou@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:xanthippi.karkantou@hackney.gov.uk)



Delegates and attendees at this year's Inspiring Young Men event at the Youth Hub in Forest Road

## Free festive fun for young people

THE COUNCIL'S Young Hackney youth hubs will host Christmas celebrations for young people aged 6-19 (and up to 25 with additional needs). All events are free and open to all.

### CONCORDE, KINGSMEDWAY, E9 5PP

Monday 16 December, juniors 7-12yrs, 4-6pm  
Tuesday 17 December, seniors 13-19yrs, 6-9pm  
Enjoy a delicious two-course meal, followed by dancing, arts and crafts.

### THE EDGE, WOODBERRY DOWN, N4 1SN

Friday 20 December, juniors 6-12 yrs, 3.30-5.30pm, seniors 13-19, 6-8pm  
Test your knowledge with an end-of-year quiz and other fun competitions.

### FOREST ROAD, DALSTON, E8 3BY

Friday 20 December, juniors 6-12 yrs, 3.30-5.30pm, seniors 13-19, 6-8pm  
Relax and unwind at Forest Road with hot chocolate, mince pies and Christmas films.

FOR more information about activities throughout December, sign up to the Council's Young Hackney e-newsletter: [hackney.gov.uk/newsletters](http://hackney.gov.uk/newsletters)

All youth hubs will be closed between 23-26 December. For more information about opening hours for each hub, visit: [younghackney.org](http://younghackney.org)

## Charity wins funds to help London's homeless LGBTQ+ young people

A CHARITY in Hackney has received funding to help London's young homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender plus (LGBTQ+) people get off the streets and into safe accommodation.

City Bridge Trust, the City of London Corporation's charity

fund, awarded £57,000 to Albert Kennedy Trust (akt), which works with young people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

Of the estimated 150,000 young people at risk in London, one in four identify themselves as LGBTQ+.

The charity, whose London office is in Shoreditch, has been given funding to assess the needs of young LGBTQ+ people who are homeless or vulnerably housed and support them into safe housing and eventually, independent living.

It provides support staff,

mentors, carers, and online programmes.

Last year, akt provided 6,000 nights of accommodation to 300 vulnerable LGBTQ+ young people.

Matt Horwood, Assistant Director of Communications at akt, said: "We're thrilled to

have been awarded this money, which will help our vital work supporting LGBTQ+ young people into safe homes and better futures.

"Over 75 per cent of the funds we receive go directly into supporting our services for young people, and so this kind

of support is absolutely necessary for us to deliver what we do, from our mentor scheme, to our host programme to our Purple Door safe house here in London."

For information about the Albert Kennedy Trust, visit: [www.akt.org.uk](http://www.akt.org.uk), or call: 020 7831 6562.

## The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by residents and serve for four years. The last borough-wide elections took place in May 2018. Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee Council services.

They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another

person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see. Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map below.



**MAYOR PHILIP GLANVILLE**

Hackney's executive **Mayor Philip Glanville** was directly elected by the borough in 2018. He is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. The Mayor holds monthly casework surgeries in the Town Hall. To book an appointment, email: [mayor@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@hackney.gov.uk); or call: **020 8356 2212**. Residents are first encouraged to contact their ward councillor. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney, who is chosen annually from the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Kam Adams.

### 1. BROWNSWOOD

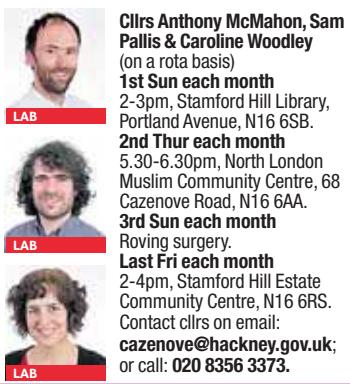


**Cllrs Brian Bell & Clare Potter**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Fri each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD.  
**3rd Fri each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, Azalea Court Community Hall, Queens Drive, N4 2LB.

Monthly roving surgeries by request.

Contact these clrrs on:  
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[clare.potter@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:clare.potter@hackney.gov.uk)

### 2. CAZENOVE



**Cllrs Anthony McMahon, Sam Pallis & Caroline Woodley**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Sun each month**  
2-3pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB.  
**2nd Thur each month**  
5.30-6.30pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.  
**3rd Sun each month**  
Roving surgery.  
**Last Fri each month**  
2-4pm, Stamford Hill Estate Community Centre, N16 6RS.  
Contact clrrs on email:  
[cazenove@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:cazenove@hackney.gov.uk);  
or call: **020 8356 3373**.

### 3. CLISSOLD



**Cllrs Sophie Cameron, Kofi David & Sade Etti**  
(on a rota basis)  
**2nd Tues each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.  
**3rd weekend each month**  
Roving surgery. All clrrs.

Contact clrrs on email:  
[clissold@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:clissold@hackney.gov.uk);  
or call: **020 8356 3373**.

### 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL



**Cllrs Ben Hayhurst, Vincent Stops & Sophie Conway**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Thur each month**  
6-7pm, roving surgery. Please contact clrrs if you would like them to visit your street.  
**3rd Sat each month**  
11am-12noon, Wilton Estate Community Hall, Greenwood Road, E8 1BE.

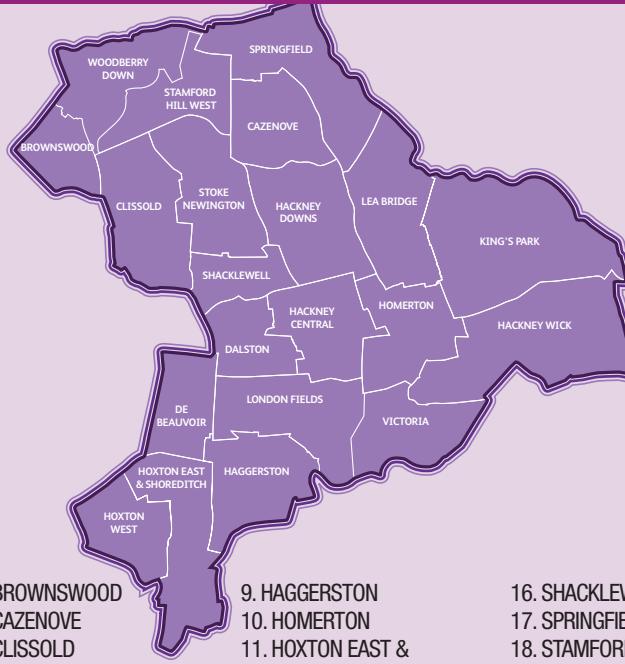
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### 7. HACKNEY DOWNS



**Cllr Michael Desmond**  
**1st Sun each month**  
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5.  
**Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard**  
**2nd Sun each month**  
10am-11am, Landfield Community Hall, Clapton, E5 8QZ.  
**Cllr Sem Moema**  
**2nd Sat each month**  
10am-11am, Beckers Community Hall, Rectory Road, N16 7QT.  
**4th Sun each month**  
Roving surgery.

## Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



1. BROWNSWOOD
2. CAZENOVE
3. CLISSOLD
4. DALSTON
5. DE BEAUVOIR
6. HACKNEY CENTRAL
7. HACKNEY DOWNS
8. HACKNEY WICK
9. HAGGERSTON
10. HOMERTON
11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH
12. HOXTON WEST
13. KING'S PARK
14. LEA BRIDGE
15. LONDON FIELDS
16. SHACKLEWELL
17. SPRINGFIELD
18. STAMFORD HILL WEST
19. STOKE NEWINGTON
20. VICTORIA
21. WOODBERRY DOWN

### 4. DALSTON



**Cllrs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell**  
(on a rota basis)  
**3rd Fri each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3QB.  
**Cllr Peter Snell**  
**1st Wed each month**  
5.30-6.30pm, Rhodes Estate Community Hall, 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8 4SH.

Contact Cllr Peter Snell on:  
**07941 179 129**.  
Contact Cllr Soraya Adejare on:  
**07951 172 744**.

### 9. HAGGERSTON



**Cllrs Ajay Chauhan, Humaira Garasia & Patrick Spence**  
(on a rota basis)  
**3rd Sat each month**  
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Road, E8 4PD.  
**Cllrs Humaira Garasia and Patrick Spence**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Wed each month**  
6-7pm, Haggerston Community Centre, 8 Lovelace Street, E8 4FF.

### 5. DE BEAUVOIR



**Cllrs Polly Billington & James Peters**  
(on a rota basis)  
**2nd Sat each month**  
11am-12noon, Happy Cafe, 63 Downham Road, N1.  
**4th Sat each month**  
11am-12noon, Kingsgate Community Hall, Tottenham Road, N1 4DB.

Contact Cllr Peters on email:  
[james.peters@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:james.peters@hackney.gov.uk);  
or call members services on:  
**020 8356 3373**.  
Contact Cllr Billington on email:  
[polly.billington@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:polly.billington@hackney.gov.uk);  
or call members services on:  
**020 8356 3373**.

### 10. HOMERTON



**Cllrs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy Nicholson and Anna Lynch**  
(on a rota basis)  
**3rd Fri each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, Bannister House Community Hall, Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.

Roving Surgery. For further details, call: **07821 330 532**.

### 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH



**Cllrs Kam Adams, Feryal Clark & Stephen Race**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Sat each month**  
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.  
**3rd Sat each month**, 11am-12noon, roving surgery.

### 13. KING'S PARK



**Cllrs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Fri each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, The Kabin, Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG.  
**3rd Sat each month**  
11am-12noon, Vi Forrester Hall, Gilpin Road, Clapton, E5 0LH.

### 16. SHACKLEWELL



**Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Fri each month**  
6-7pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ.  
Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement.

Contact councillors on email:  
[michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk) & [richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk);  
or call members services on:  
**020 8356 3373**.

### 12. HOXTON WEST



**Cllrs Clayeon McKenzie, Carole Williams & Yvonne Maxwell**  
**Cllr Clayeon McKenzie**  
**3rd Sat each month**  
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.  
**Cllr Carole Williams**  
**3rd Wed each month**  
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.  
**Cllr Yvonne Maxwell**  
**4th Sat each month**  
10-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.  
**2nd Sun every other month**

### 15. LONDON FIELDS



**Cllrs Anntoinette Bramble, M Can Ozsen & Emma Plouviez**  
(on a rota basis)  
**1st Thurs each month**  
6.30-7.30pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly Street, E8 3XO.  
**3rd Sat each month**  
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 30 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.

### 17. SPRINGFIELD

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**Cllr Simche Steinberger**  
**2nd Mon each month**  
4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB.  
**Cllr Michael Levy**  
**3rd Sun each month**  
11.30am-12.30pm, Webb Estate Community Hall, E5 9BD.  
**Cllr Harvey Odze:**  
**2nd Mon each month**  
7.30-8.30pm, The Mount Community Hall, 21 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5 9DW.  
**4th Mon each month**  
7.30-8.30pm, Wrens Park Community Hall, Springfield, E5 9LN.  
Contact Cllr Odze on: **020 8356 1233**.

### 18. STAMFORD HILL WEST

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**Cllrs Aron Klein & Zion Papier**  
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**2nd Mon each month**  
4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB.  
**Cllr Zion Papier**  
Contact Members Services on: **020 8356 3373**; or email:  
[members.services@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:members.services@hackney.gov.uk)

### 19. STOKE NEWINGTON

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**Cllrs Susan Fajana-Thomas, Mete Coban & Gilbert Smyth**  
(on a rota basis)  
**2nd Sat each month**  
11-12noon, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.  
**4th Sat each month**, Roving surgery, 11am-1pm.

Contact clrrs on email:  
[susan.fajana-thomas@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:susan.fajana-thomas@hackney.gov.uk);  
[mete.coban@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:mete.coban@hackney.gov.uk);  
[gilbert.smyth@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:gilbert.smyth@hackney.gov.uk)

### 20. VICTORIA

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**Cllrs Katie Hanson, Clare Joseph & Penny Wrout**  
**Cllr Katie Hanson**  
**2nd Wed each month**  
7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road, E9 7JE.  
**Cllr Clare Joseph**  
**1st Sat each month**  
10-11am, Hackney Central Library, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ.  
**Cllr Penny Wrout**  
**Last Sat each month**  
12Noon-1pm, Frampton Park Baptist Church, Frampton Park Road, E9 7PQ.

## Recipes straight from the ovens at Waterhouse

[www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk](http://www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk)



This is the latest in a series of regular recipes courtesy of Waterhouse – a social enterprise restaurant alongside the Regent's Canal in Shoreditch. This dish was a Waterhouse special recently and sold out in hours. Here's the secret recipe. If you don't have a waffle maker, you can turn them into thick pancakes and they are just as delicious with fried breaded chicken. Finish it off with a drizzle of maple syrup, some coleslaw or salad.

### Breaded chicken and waffles

Makes four portions



Preparation time  
20 mins  
Cooking time  
30 mins

melted butter and milk. Mix until well incorporated  
• Carefully fold in the egg whites, then refrigerate  
*Chicken preparation:*  
• Weigh the ingredients into separate bowls  
• Add the paprika, salt and pepper to the flour  
• Roll each chicken breast in the flour, then the egg, then the breadcrumbs, using your hands to pat the breadcrumbs on. Refrigerate until ready to use.

### Cooking

- Heat your waffle-maker and use a ladle to pour the mix into the machine. Cook for five minutes per batch then place on to a baking tray
- If you do not have a waffle machine, heat up a pan with a little oil, then pour in a ladle of the batter and cook on both sides for five minutes
- To cook the chicken, heat up three fingers of cooking oil in a shallow pan. Once hot, carefully add the chicken breasts and cook on both sides until the chicken is golden brown — usually around four minutes per side, depending on the thickness
- Once fried, place the chicken in a heated oven to continue cooking
- Plate up and enjoy with sides of your choice.

### Method

#### Waffle preparation:

- Put all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix well
- Separate the eggs and whisk the egg whites to stiff peaks
- Add the egg yolks to the dry ingredients, then slowly add the

Waterhouse - through Blue Marble Training - supports young people across the borough towards careers in the restaurant industry. Owned by Shoreditch Trust, income from this enterprise goes back into training programmes across the borough. Waterhouse in Orsman Road, N1, is open Mon to Fri 9am - 3pm. Evenings and weekends available for large bookings and

private events.  
For more info, visit: [www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk](http://www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk)  
For bookings e-mail: [eat@waterhouserestaurant.co.uk](mailto:eat@waterhouserestaurant.co.uk); or call: 020 7033 0123.



**WaterHouseRestaurant**

## Have your say on Hackney Access For Everyone Scheme

RESIDENTS, Council staff and councillors will have the opportunity to make the borough more accessible, as part of the next phase of the Council's Hackney Access for Everyone scheme.

Poor lighting, a lack of signage, level access or unsuitable facilities can sometimes make a trip to the shops challenging for people with limited mobility, vision, hearing,

a learning difficulty or other type of mental or physical impairment.

The Council is looking for people who would like to help lead or participate in walkabouts around areas set for large-scale development. This will ensure that areas are developed in a way that is accessible for the widest possible range of people.

Sites that will be visited include Woodberry Down,

Colville, King's Crescent and De Beauvoir estates, Stoke Newington Gyratory, Green Lanes, Cycle Future Routes, Leabridge Roundabout and Council leisure centres.

To sign-up, visit [hacknematters.org.uk/join](http://hacknematters.org.uk/join). The closing date is 8 January 2020.

For more information, email: [rachel.salmon@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.salmon@hackney.gov.uk) or call: 020 8356 7732.

## Have your say in a social value discussion group

EVERY five years, the Council employs a number of building contractors who will be responsible for carrying out some of the biggest repair, maintenance, and improvement and redecoration work to its homes and estates.

New contractors must demonstrate how they can provide 'social value' in order to work with the Council — this could include anything from how

the contractor will support local employment opportunities to how the contractor will take action to improve the environment.

There is a strategy in place to encourage and measure social value, but this particular process allows the Council to be more specific with contractors before they are allowed to work for it.

Council housing residents are invited to take part in discussion groups to explore

social value in more detail. Those who take part will be offered a £20 Love2Shop voucher as a thank you.

The discussion groups will take place in a central Hackney location from 4 to 6 February 2020, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

To register to take part, visit: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk](http://consultation.hackney.gov.uk) and select 'social value discussion group registration', or call: 020 8356 1894.

## Meetings

### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

16 Living in Hackney scrutiny commission

17 Licensing sub-committee

2pm

18 Pensions committee

6.30pm

19 Licensing sub-committee

2pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/council-and-elections](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/council-and-elections)

## Sudoku

For solutions see:  
[www.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-today](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-today)

### Easy

		6	4	8		7
3	9			1	4	
	5	3			8	
			7	9	5	
	3		8	2		
5		1	2			
8			1	3		
6		2			4	5
5		2	9	8		

### Medium

9	8	3		1
1			6	
7	4		8	
8			5	4
5	4	2	1	7
2	6	7	9	8
8			9	1
7			2	
5		9	3	8



# Help Us Help You



Stock your medicine cabinet as many minor issues, like coughs, grazes and sore throats are treatable at home.

## Self Care



Pharmacists offer medical advice and medicines for minor illnesses like coughs, colds, tummy trouble, rashes and aches and pains, and also give flu jabs.

## Pharmacy



Within normal surgery hours your GP should be your first contact with health concerns. GPs provide examinations, advice, prescriptions, vaccinations and referrals.

## GP



You should visit 111.nhs.uk when you cannot wait to see your doctor. NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help urgently, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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## NHS 111



A&E departments in hospitals are open for life threatening emergencies like heart attacks and accidents, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## A&E